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### **Remarks**

Applicants respond herein to each of the issues raised in the Office Action. Claims 1-2, 8 and 13 have been canceled. New Claims 14-22 have been added to more clearly claim the present invention. The newly added claims are fully supported by the previously pending claims and the specification, for example, at pages 3-4. The dependency of Claims 3-7 and 9-12 has been amended in light of the cancellation of Claim 1. Applicants submit that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest at least the selective restoration of policy objects as recited in new independent Claims 14 and 22. Applicants submit that the present application is in form for allowance for the reasons more fully discussed below.

### **Objection to the Specification:**

The specification is objected to because of the misspelling of a word on page 10. Office Action, p. 2. Applicants' submit this objection is obviated by the amendments to the specification above.

### **Rejections Under Section 101:**

Claims 1 and 3-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Office Action, p. 2. While Applicants do not agree with the basis of these rejections, Applicants submit that these rejections are, in any event, obviated by the amendments to the claims above.

### **Rejections Under Section 112:**

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite, with particular basis for the rejection provided for Claims 1, 2, 11 and 13. Office Action, p. 3. Applicants submit that this rejection is obviated by the amendments to the claims above. In particular, Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Claim 11 has been amended in a manner that obviates the objection regarding the policy data. Claim 13 has been canceled.

**Rejections Under Section 103:**

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Boswell, Inside Windows Server ("Boswell") in combination with United States Patent Publication No. 20020095524A1 to Sanghvi et al. ("Sanghvi"). Office Action, p.4. In rejecting Claim 1, the Office Action asserts that Boswell discloses "a component for backing up and restoring a single or plurality of directory service objects." Office Action, p. 4. In particular, the Office Action cites to Chapter 11 of Boswell, regarding backing up the directory and performing directory maintenance.

Newly presented independent Claim 14 recites as follows:

A method for selective restoring of policy objects associated with a directory service of a computer system, comprising:  
backing up a plurality of the policy objects associated with the directory service of the computer system;  
**detecting a problem with a selected one of the plurality of policy objects; and**  
**restoring the selected one of the plurality of policy objects without restoring others of the plurality of policy objects.**  
(Emphasis added)

Applicants submit that at least the highlighted portions of Claim 14 are not disclosed or suggested by Boswell or Sagnhvi.

As described in the present specification, the selective restoration of the present invention may be advantageous, particularly in a networked computer system environment. In particular, some embodiments of the present invention, such as recited in Claim 14, may be:

capable of backing up and restoring policy objects individually. In the event a group policy object is lost, the administrator need only restore the individual policy object that was deleted or corrupted. The process of restoring only the lost policy object can be completed in a fraction of the time it takes to restore the entire directory service.

Specification, p. 3, lines 20-24.

In contrast, Boswell states:

The only method for backing up the Registry and the Active Directory is by using Windows 2000 Backup. . . One drawback to the new backup strategy in Windows 2000 does exist. You cannot back up or restore just the Registry or just

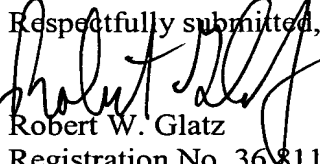
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the Directory or just the boot files. **You must back up and restore all system files at once.**

Boswell, Chap. 1, page 1 of excerpt provided by Examiner (emphasis added). Thus, Boswell, if anything, teaches away from selective restoring of one or more policy objects where a problem is detected without restoring others of the policy objects as recited in Claim 14. Therefore, Claim 14 should be allowed for at least these reasons. Independent system Claim 22 should be allowed for substantially the same reason based on corresponding recitations found therein. The dependent claims should be allowed at least based on their dependence on Claim 14.

#### **Conclusion**

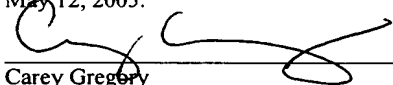
In view of the above, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of the present application. If further informalities are noted, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite allowance of the present application.

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